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PRESIDENT: The motion to override fails. The Chair would like to announce that Senator Rupp has guests under the North balcony, Mary Lou, Julie and Amy Melcher of Lindsay. We welcome you to the Legislature. Would you stand and be recognized. The Call is raised. Thank you. What next, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, before we proceed with the next motion I have a new resolution, LR 217, by Senator Hefner. (Read LR 217 as found on page 2506 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Miscellaneous Subjects reports LB 56 advanced to General File with committee amendments attached. That is signed by Senator Hefner as Chair. (See page 2506 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Pirsch would move that portions of LB 628 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch. May we have order in the Chamber, please, and attention of the speaker. (Gavel.) Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, I urge your careful consideration of this override attempt. It is only for a small amount of money. We have been considering large amounts of money and to be honest with you, I could have been a part of the big package but I chose not to because I think that each of these should be considered on their own merit as I assume that the Governor considered them on their own merit. But I think that we, in this body, have started making a commitment to victims of crime and we started this commitment only a couple of years ago. You have heard the arguments that hundreds and thousands and millions have been spent on the criminal. I sent you a cartoon if you will recall showing a woman assaulted, stolen from, left broken, left on the pavement while all of our law enforcement and justice facilities go after the criminal and not only do they provide the criminal with the legal counsel, they provide the criminal with medical, psychological, emotional, food, shelter, clothing, on and on, ad infinitum, throughout the criminal justice process. And in the past the victim has been left forgotten. Even if the criminal was caught, no one bothered with the victim except when they needed them to testify and if a trial was continued or dismissed, left the victim unknowing, maybe missing a day